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### National Service at Day on the Hill

SALT LAKE CITY- On February 23, 2015, national service programs from across the state gathered at the Utah State Capitol to educate legislators on the role of national service and the impact their work is having on Utah communities. The event provides national service programs an opportunity to help policy makers better understand what national service is and how the various programs work to address community needs and improve the quality of life in Utah.

Representatives from AmeriCorps State, Senior Corps (including Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and RSVP programs), and VISTA projects set up booths in the rotunda to educate legislators about their projects. After a brief kick-off event in the morning, the group was recognized in both the House and Senate. Throughout the day, program representatives met with legislators and commissioners to share stories of success and impact from their programs.

"We are thrilled to have so many innovative programs represented at the Capitol to educate legislators on the role of National Service in Utah. The economic and social impact National Service has on our communities is truly astounding and is clearly demonstrated here today," said LaDawn Stoddard, UServeUtah, Director.

#### *National Service Facts:*

Every year in Utah thousands of individuals chose to serve their community through national service programs such as AmeriCorps, VISTA, NCCC, Foster Grand Parents, RSVP and Senior Companions. These individuals serve with hundreds of our non-profits, schools and government agencies, tutoring and mentoring youth, creating programming to alleviate poverty, connecting underserved populations to health care resources, cleaning and tending parks and streams, providing services to those at risk for homelessness, teaching environmental stewardship, helping seniors stay in their homes, operating after-school programs, and helping communities prepare for disasters.

- 91,959 Utah citizens were served by National Service Members this year.
- National Service Members serve in 730 local education, nonprofit, and government organizations.
- 5,992 National Service Members are currently serving across Utah communities.
- 45,315 volunteers were mobilized by National Service Members. These volunteers served 1.1 million hours.
- National Service Members leveraged \$ 45.2 million in resources including grants, in-kind donations, value of volunteer hours, education awards given to members, funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service and local program support.

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UServeUtah, the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism, is the state's central coordinating body for service and volunteerism. The Commission is responsible for developing, implementing, and sustaining a vision and culture of civic engagement and national and community service within the state. UServeUtah does this through promoting volunteerism; administering National Service programs; connecting people with opportunities to serve; building organizational capacity for effective volunteer engagement and; participating in strategic initiatives that mobilize volunteers to meet local needs.